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Attorney's Docket No. 033558-004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Christopher B. HEWETT) Group Art Unit: 3651
Application No.: 09/883,893) Examiner: [Not Assigned]
Filed: June 18, 2001)
For: TISSUE DISPENSER)

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Sir:

Enclosed is a **Preliminary Amendment** for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is Revocation/Power of Attorney by Applicant
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$370.00 (279) [] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.
- An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	27	MINUS 20 =	7	× \$18.00 (103) =	126.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$84.00 (102) =	84.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					---
Total Amendment Fee					210.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					105.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$105.00

A claim fee in the amount of \$ 105.00 is enclosed.

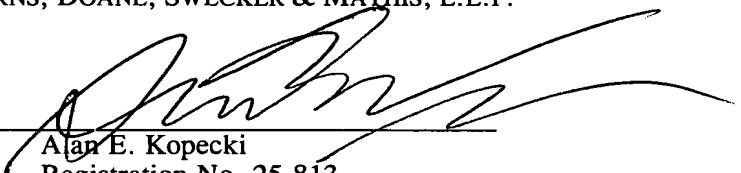
Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows.

IN THE DESCRIPTION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 10, with the following:

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It is the primary object of the present invention to enable people to utilize tissues in wet and moist areas of the bathroom in which nasal passages are more easily cleaned of mucus, other bodily fluids and secretions, and other bodily substances such as makeup. Another object of the invention is to permit people, especially those with allergies, to take advantage of the moist environments of the bathroom to permit clearing of their nasal passages when they are more susceptible to such clearings. Another object of the invention is to make the disposal of used tissue easier by including a disposal device which permits easy and convenient disposal of used tissues by the person.

Replace the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 with the following:

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The dispenser 10 preferably is provided with a pressure sensitive, water resistant adhesive or tape 50 to enable the dispenser 10 to be secured to a wall or like. However, it should be understood that other fastening techniques may be employed as well such as, for example, a sliding eyelet and bolt fastening apparatus allowing the dispensers to be removably secured to a supporting wall or structure or suspending the dispenser 10 over a shower spray head using an elongated element such as a cord or rope.